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Thru : Chief, St/I/RR
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Requirements for Case

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Background

Source is reported to be knowledgeable on the Elbe river ports of Decin and Usti Nad Labem. In his work on a river boat in the area, he can observe installations and operating details. In accordance with your request, the requirements have been confined to the type of information which can be secured through observation and casual conversation. At your suggestion, questions 2 and 5 are included as "test questions".

Requirements

1. What is the condition of the ports of Decin and Usti Nad Labem? Describe any new facilities, such as cranes, rail sidings, warehouses, or wharves. Where did new equipment come from?
2. What is the size of the Czech Oder Fleet? Give any available data on fleet, noting any recent increase or decrease. What is reason for change?
3. Give data as in question 2 for Czech river fleets on the Elbe and Danube.
4. What is the extent of Soviet control over Czech shipping?
5. What is the status of the Czech free harbor sector of Stettin? What is the status of the Soviet sector of Stettin?
6. What is the volume of traffic arriving or departing either port? What is the composition of this traffic? Where does traffic originate? Where does traffic go?

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